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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
08 AT SEATTLE

09 RANDALL D. KNOWLES,)
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11 Petitioner,) CASE NO. C11-1930-JCC-MAT
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13 v.)
14) ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S
15 DONALD HOLBROOK,) MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
16) COUNSEL
17 Respondent.)
18 _____)

14 This is a federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. This matter comes before
15 the Court at the present time on petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel. The Court,
16 having reviewed petitioner's motion, and the balance of the record, does hereby find and
17 ORDER as follows:

18 (1) Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (Dkt. No. 11) is DENIED.
19 There is no right to have counsel appointed in cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 unless an
20 evidentiary hearing is required. *See Terravona v. Kincheloe*, 852 F.2d 424, 429 (9th Cir. 1988);
21 *Brown v. Vasquez*, 952 F.2d 1164, 1168 (9th Cir. 1992); and Rule 8(c) of the Rules Governing
22 Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. The Court may exercise its discretion

01 to appoint counsel for a financially eligible individual where the "interests of justice so
02 require." 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. However, petitioner fails to demonstrate that the interests of
03 justice are best served by appointment of counsel in this matter at the present time.

04 (2) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to petitioner, to counsel for
05 respondent, and to the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

06 DATED this 12th day of April, 2012.

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10 United States Magistrate Judge
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